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**SPECIAL
EDITION**

UMATILLA CHEMICAL WEAPONS STOCKPILE | END OF OPERATIONS



Notable guests (from right to left) included: Mr. Gary Anderson, Site Project Manager, UMCD; Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Sowers, Deputy U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) Chaplain; Lieutenant Colonel Kris Perkins, Commander, UMCD; Don Barclay, Acting Director, U. S. Army Chemical Materials Agency; Conrad Whyne, Program Executive Officer, ACWA, Former Director of U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency; Mr. Carmen Spencer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (DASA), Elimination of Chemical Weapons (ECW); Mr. John Nerger, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General, AMC; Chris Brown, Oregon Citizens Advisory Commission Member, Oregon Emergency Management CSEPP Program Manager; Mike Morehead, URS Corporation, Employee with most UMCD DPE Entries; Mark Evans, President, Washington Demilitarization Company.

The Umatilla team safely completed disposal operations of 220,604 munitions and containers that held 3,717 tons of nerve and blister chemical agents on Oct. 25, 2011, marking the elimination of the chemical weapons stockpile at Umatilla, Ore. While Umatilla Chemical Depot (UMCD) safely stored the munitions since 1962, the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) started operations in 2004 and used incineration to destroy the stockpile. The site is now in closure. The Umatilla team commemorated their historic achievements in a March 15, 2012, ceremony at the Hermiston Conference Center.

Current and former employees, members of the community, elected officials and others gathered to celebrate the end of stockpile operations in Umatilla. The overarching theme was, "Leadership. Dedication. Accomplishment. A legacy of safety and success." Notable guests included Mr. John Nerger, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General, U. S. Army Materiel Command; Mr. Carmen Spencer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Elimination of Chemical Weapons); Mr. Conrad Whyne, Program Executive

Officer (PEO), U.S. Army Element Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives and Former Director of U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) and Mr. Don Barclay, Acting Director, CMA.

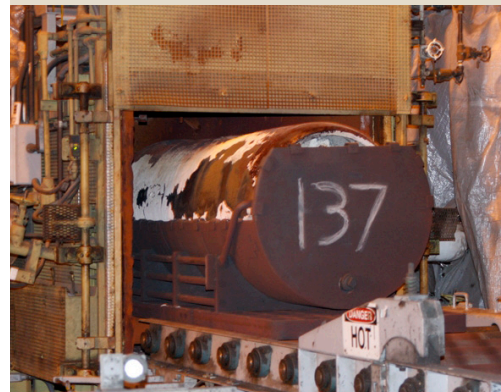
Opening in 1941, UMCD originally stored and maintained a variety of military items from blankets to ammunition. The depot's mission changed in 1962 to include safe storage of chemical weapons. From 1990 to 1994 the facility reorganized in preparation for eventual closure, shipping all its conventional ammunition and supplies to other installations.

The UMCDF was designed and constructed for the sole purpose of destroying the chemical weapons stored at the UMCD. Disposal of the weapons began in Sept. 2004. In July 2007, Umatilla completed destruction of GB nerve agent, followed by completion of VX nerve agent munitions in Nov. 2008. HD mustard agent destruction was completed next in Oct. 2011, marking the complete destruction of the UMCD stockpile. In reaching completion of destruction operations, 7,534 Enhanced On-site Container deliveries were made to the UMCDF.



"I AM PLEASED TO BE PART OF THE FINAL GENERATION OF TEAM UMATILLA, AND ESPECIALLY TO BE PART OF THIS HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT. IT IS THE MOST NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENT IN MY 22-YEAR MILITARY CAREER."

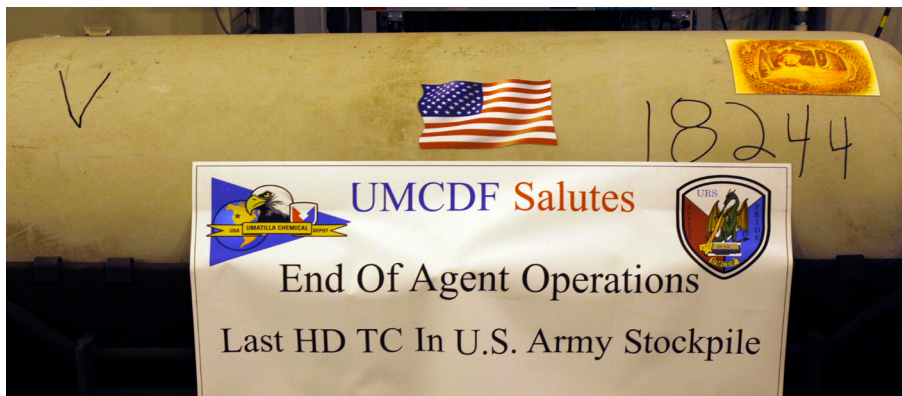
*Lt. Col. Kris Perkins Commander,
Umatilla Chemical Depot*



The last mustard Ton Container in the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility and Army stockpile exited the Metal Parts Furnace on Oct. 25, 2011.

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The UMCD is expected to stand down and be turned over to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission in August 2012, for future property transfer to the Umatilla Local Reuse Authority. The UMCDF is currently in closure operations, which could continue for up to 36 months. Almost half of the plant structures, including any exhaust furnaces and all areas used to process chemical agent, will be demolished—complying with the site's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit.

Umatilla is CMA's sixth site to complete disposal operations. CMA's seventh and final disposal site, the Toole Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, recently completed disposal operations and joins the UMCDF, Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility and Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in closure operations. Three of CMA's sites—Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Ind.; Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Md., and Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in the South Pacific—have already closed.

CMA continues safely storing chemical weapons at Blue Grass, Ky., and Pueblo, Colo.



(Left photo) Workers start cutting the Brine Reduction Area/Residue Handling Area stack for removal during closure operations at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. (Right photo) Once cut, workers use a crane to remove the first section of the Brine Reduction Area/Residue Handling Area stack.

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The final, empty Enhanced On-Site Container, which was part of the “final campaign” of HD Ton Containers.